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**Medford Felon Sentenced To Eight Years in Federal Prison
for Possession of a Firearm**

Medford, Ore. - U.S. District Court Judge Owen M. Panner sentenced Timothy Michael Spencer, 36, of Medford to serve eight years in federal prison for felon in possession of a firearm. Spencer was arrested on August 20, 2006 when Medford police responded to an early morning disturbance at a Medford apartment where Spencer was staying. Police found a 9mm semi-handgun locked in a safe at the apartment. A joint investigation by the Medford Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and the Oregon State Police Crime Lab linked the handgun to Spencer. Spencer's lengthy criminal history includes 15 prior felony convictions and seven misdemeanor convictions, all but two occurring in Medford. The convictions include: Robbery I, Escape II, Attempt to Elude, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Theft I, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Assault IV, Menacing, Criminal Mischief II, and Sex Abuse III. Spencer recently completed a 12 month sentence for Theft I imposed by the Jackson County Circuit Court.

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